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SUMMARY: JULY 14 VOTING IN MIE PREFECTURE PRODUCED NO CHANGE
IN FINAL OVERALL RESULTS OF HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ELECTION. END
SUMMARY.

1. ON JULY 14 DELAYED HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ELECTION WAS HELD
IN MIE PREFECTURE TO PERMIT VOTING BY LIMITED NUMBER OF PERSONS
WHO HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM GOING TO POLLS ON JULY 7 BY
TYPHOON GILDA. TURNOUT WAS 6,500 OUT OF 8,487 ELIGIBLE. TALLY
OF DELAYED ELECTION VOTES AND VOTES NOT COUNTED EARLIER PRODUCED
NO CHANGE IN OVERALL RESULT OF HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ELECTION.
ALTHOUGH FOUR NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY SEATS WERE STILL IN CON-
TENTION, AS EXPECTED THEY WENT TO 2 LDP CANDIDATES (TAI MORI-
SHITA AND MINOUR UEDA) AND 2 JCP CANDIDATES (MASAO IWAMA AND
CHUKO KONDO). LDP HAD ALREADY WON LOCAL MIE CONSTITUENCY SEAT
BY MARGIN SO WIDE THAT SEAT WAS SAFE REGARDLESS OF SPECIAL
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ELECTION OUTCOME.

2. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, FINAL UPPER HOUSE PARTY LINEUP
BASED ON ELECTION RESULT IS: LDP - 126, JSP - 62, KOMEITO - 24,
JCP - 20, DSP - 10 AND INDEPENDENTS - 10. WHILE ANTICIPATED
SHIFT OF 3 CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENTS WILL INCREASE LDP STRENGTH
TO 129 AND AFFILIATION OF ONE REFORMIST WINNER WILL INCREASE
JSP STRENGTH TO 63, ONLY ONE INDEPENDENT HAS SO FAR MADE SUCH
MOVE (TO LDP). ALSO GIVEN MIKI RESIGNATION FROM GOJ AND NATURE
OF TOKUSHIMA CONFRONTATION, THERE IS TALK THAT KUJIME MAY NOT,
AT LEAST IMMEDIATELY, RETURN TO LDP FOLD.

3. WITH BARE MAJOIRYT ASSURED, LDP NOW FACES FIRST ROUND OF
PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVER UNDER CONSTRAINT OF REDUCED NUMBERS
AS IT TRIES TO DETEDMINE BEST ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS TO UPPER
HOUSE COMMITTEES AND PREPARES FOR BARGAINING WITH OPPOSITION
OVER COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS.
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